

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 182

By Swafford

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize L.G. Agee for a lifetime of service to the State of Tennessee through farming and agriculture.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding citizens who are dedicated to agriculture and recognize the importance of farming in our society; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy citizen is L.G. Agee, who dedicated his life to working on his family's farm until his retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, born on May 16, 1927, to George Washington and Lula Mae Agee, L.G. Agee began working on the family farm when he was seven years old, using horse-drawn equipment until the family purchased their first tractor in 1942; and

WHEREAS, during harvesting season, Mr. Agee would work with his family from dawn to dusk on the farm; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventeen, he and his brother, Wilbur, purchased their first farm in the Cold Springs community; soon they purchased a second farm, and Mr. Agee became a beef and hog farmer; and

WHEREAS, his farming operation included Black Angus, Hereford, and Charolais cattle; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 1958, L.G. Agee was joined in holy matrimony to Gladys Fields; he built their house with lumber from the trees on his Cold Springs farm; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960s, Mr. Agee began practicing carpentry for Jim Mansfield and later for Harvie Lewis; and

WHEREAS, together, L.G. and Gladys Agee farmed and gardened during the evenings and all day on Saturdays until April of 2000 when Mr. Agee took his much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, their blessed union produced two daughters, Sandra and Sharon Agee, both of whom helped their parents on the farm, and one granddaughter, Tiffany Caldwell; and

WHEREAS, a deeply devoted Christian, Mr. Agee and his family always attend church on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, L.G. Agee served as a Farm Bureau Director for thirty-four years, and he says he would rather be out on his farm than anywhere else in the world; and

WHEREAS, L.G. Agee truly epitomizes the model of the dedicated agriculturalist who is wholly committed to the highest standards and principles, as well as the heritage of farming in this great State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize L.G. Agee for his dedicated work and a life devoted to Tennessee farming and agriculture, commending him for his estimable contributions to agriculture, to the future of farming in Tennessee, and to this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.